

# THE EMERALD TRAP

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**Directions:** Follow the steps below to design a solution to a Pennsylvania invasive species problem, the *Agrilus Planipennis* (**Emerald Ash Borer**). The **goal** is to create an **Emerald Ash Borer decoy** and then design a **trap** involving the decoy to help stop the spread of E.A.B.s!

## PART A

**1** **Step A.** Brainstorm with your team about the physical traits of the Emerald Ash Borer.

**Step B.** Now sketch a model of the Emerald Ash Borer.

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**2** **Step C.** Take your sketch and create your model decoy. You can use the following materials to design your decoy!

**Materials:**

- Styrofoam peanuts
- Color markers
- Scissors
- Chenille sticks
- Pants
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- Glitter Glue
- Pants

## PART B

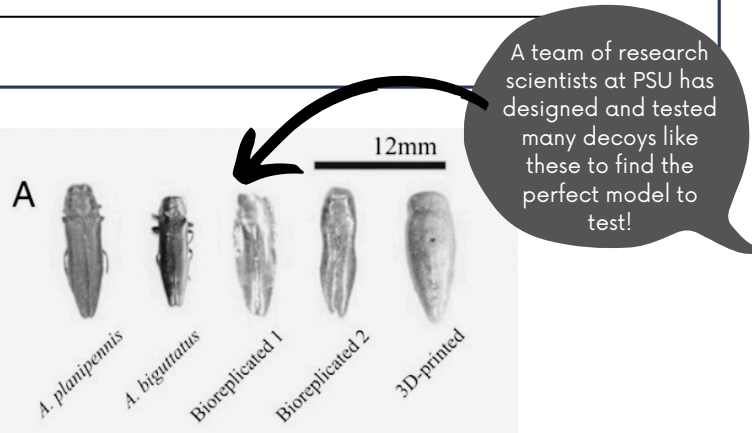
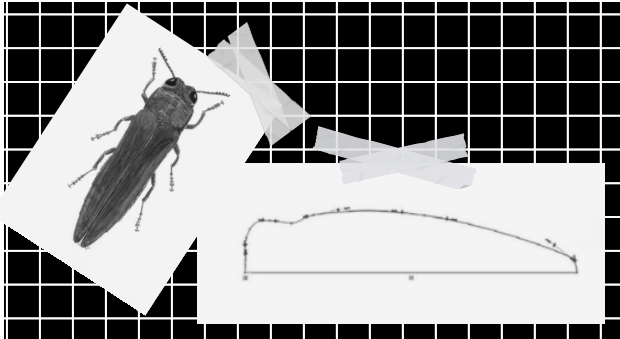
**3** **Step D.** Collaborate with your team about ways to trap an Emerald Ash Borer.

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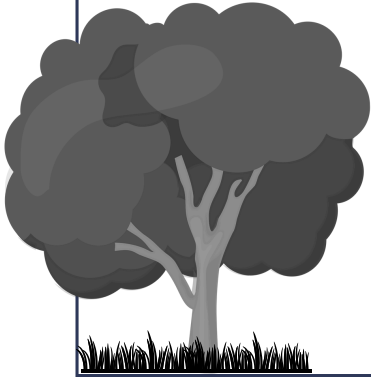
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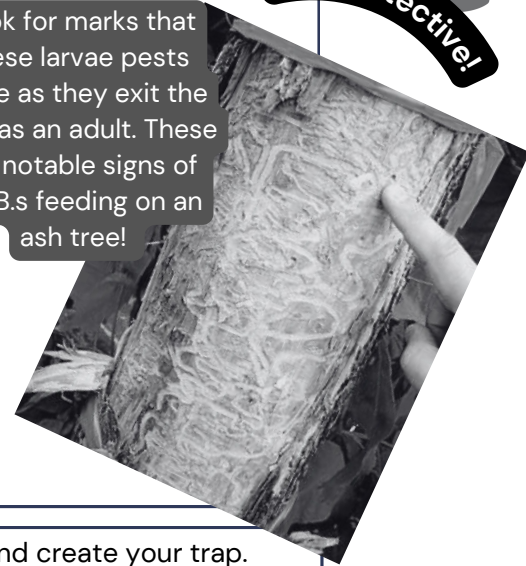


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**4** Step E. Now design a trap. Use the blank space below to draw out your idea!



Look for marks that these larvae pests leave as they exit the bark as an adult. These are notable signs of E.A.B.s feeding on an ash tree!



**5** Step F. Choose from the following materials. Then, take your design and create your trap. Test your trap to make sure it will catch an Emerald Ash Borer!

**Materials:**

- Cardboard
- Paper cups
- Color markers
- Paper plates
- Scissors
- Toothpicks
- Chenille sticks
- string

**6** Step G: After setting up the decoy and trap, observe what happens! Record your data below.

Day	# of E.A.B.	Observations/Notes



PART C